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 National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
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Subject: Vehicle Safety Defect Initial Information Report

Pursuant to Part 573.6 (c) (1), this Vehicle Safety Defect Initial Information Report is submitted to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration by **International Truck and Engine Corporation**.

(1) IDENTIFICATION OF VEHICLES [Part 573.6 (c)(2)]

- Vehicle Models Involved:
 - Model Year 2003 thru 2006: 9000 Series models
- Vehicle Manufacturing Dates:
 - At our Chatham, Ontario manufacturing facility: 4/1/2002 thru 6/15/2005
 - At our Escobedo, Mexico manufacturing facility: 4/1/2002 thru 5/25/2005
- Other Identification Necessary to Describe Vehicles:
 - None.

(2) COMPONENT MANUFACTURER [Part 573.6 (c)(2)(iv)]

- This report does not relate to a component supplied by a manufacturer other than International Truck and Engine Corporation.

(3) VEHICLE POPULATION INVOLVED [Part 573.6 (c)(3)]

<i>Model</i>	<i>U.S. Quantity</i>	<i>Canadian Quantity</i>	<i>Mexico Quantity</i>	<i>Export Quantity</i>
9100i 4X2	553	13	0	0
9100i 6X4	1,172	203	0	0
9200i 4X2	1,813	46	6	0
9200i 6X4	18,065	3,252	971	194
9400i 4X2	210	0	0	0
9400i 6X4	25,107	3,651	1,791	639
9900i 6X4	3,840	3,056	4	5
9900ix	829	104	2	6

<i>Grand Total</i>	<i>51,589</i>	<i>10,328</i>	<i>2,774</i>	<i>844</i>
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(4) *PERCENTAGE OF VEHICLES ESTIMATED TO CONTAIN DEFECT [Part 573.6 (c)(4)]*

- Approximately 30% of the suspect vehicles may exhibit the defect.

(5) *DESCRIPTION OF DEFECT [Part 573.6 (c)(5)]*

- The positive battery cable between the batteries and the starter may rub against an electrical ground cable between the starter and frame rail possibly causing an electrical short and/or fire.
- This chafing may possibly cause an electrical short and/or fire. This may result in **property damage, personal injury or death.**

(6) *CHRONOLOGY OF PRINCIPAL EVENTS WHICH LED TO DETERMINATION OF A SAFETY DEFECT or TEST RESULTS THAT LED TO DETERMINATION OF NONCOMPLIANCE [Part 573.6 (c)(6)/(7)]*

- 4/28/2005 International first met to review field incidents. Three reports of fires were discussed when the positive cable from the starter rubbed through the ground cable.
- 5/10/2004 Began a process search to determine possible extent of suspect population.
- 5/19/2004 Met to finalize which battery cable configurations may be suspect.
- 5/25/2005 Battery cable routing changes in effect at our Escobedo, Mexico manufacturing facility.
- 6/15/2005 Battery cable routing changes in effect at our Chatham, Ontario manufacturing facility
- 6/17/2004 International performed a search to determined the total extent of the suspect population.
- 6/22/2004 International declares a safety recall.

(7) *PROGRAM TO REMEDY DEFECT [Part 573.6 (c)(8)]*

- All suspect vehicles will be inspected to determine appropriate level of remedy required.
- Remedy will consist of:
 - Inspect to determine if any chafing has occurred between positive and negative cables. If there is no evidence of chafing, then install a saddle clamp that will ensure cables will not rub.
 - If there is evidence of chafing, the damaged cables will be replaced and the swivel saddle clamp installed.

(8) PLAN FOR REIMBURSEMENT [Part 573.6 (c)(8)(i)]

- Some of the vehicles in this recall fall outside the warranty period; therefore, our plan for reimbursement of pre-notification remedies, on file and dated 2/6/2003 does apply and instructions will be included in the customer notification.

(9) SCHEDULE FOR RECALL NOTIFICATION [Part 573.6 (c)(8)(i)]

- Part availability is undetermined as of the date of this report. If parts do not become available within 60 days of the date of this report, dealers and customers will receive an Interim Notice according to the following schedule:
 - Notify International Dealers by: August 19, 2004
 - Notify International Customers by: August 26, 2004

(10) INTERNATIONAL RECALL NUMBER [Part 573.6 (c)(11)]

- 05514 (NHTSA number not assigned yet)

The undersigned should be contacted for any additional information regarding this recall on (260) 461-1890.

Very truly yours,



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